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1. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION MISSION CAN PROVIDE ON AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY G-18 MEETING. SPECIFICALLY, WE ARE NOT CLEAR ON LONG'S APPARENT INTENTIONS INDICATED AT END OF NOVEMBER MEETING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO ADD AN AGENDA ITEM ON COMMODITIES, EITHER ON HOW DEEP

HE INTENDS FOR G-18TO PURSUE THIS TOPIC OR WHAT HE INTENDS TO ACCOMPLISH. OUR PREFERENCE IS THAT THIS ITEM BE DROPPED. G-18 AGENDA IS ALREADY SUFFICIENTLY BROAD AND COMMODITIES ISSUE IS ALREADY UNDER FULL DISCUSSION IN OTHER FORA. YOU MAY WISH SEEK VIEWS OF OTHERG-18 MEMBERS AND UNLESS THERE IS STRONG SUPPORT FOR INCLUSION COMMODITIES, SEEK ITS DELETION. IF THIS NOT POSSIBLE, ANY DISCUSSION OF COMMODITIES SHOULD ONLY BE WITH CLEAR, SPECIFIC PURPOSE IN MIND, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT WORK UNDERWAY ELSEWHERE. WE BELIEVE G-18 DISCUSSIONS SHOULD HAVE FOCUS AND SENSE OF DIRECTION RATHER THAN CONSISTING OF GENERAL REFLECTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS.

- 2. OUR INTENTION IS TO PRESENT PAPER TO G-18 ON BALANCE OF PAYMENTS TRADE MEASURES AT FEBRUARY G-18 MEETING. IT WOULD REVIEW GENERAL PROBLEMS RAISED BY CURRENT RULES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING MEASURES FOR BOP PURPOSES AND MOST LIKELY WILL INCLUDE PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE OPERATIONS OF GATT BOP COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION IN GATT COUNCIL. PAPER WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED IN ADVANCE TO G-18 MEMBERS AND WE WOULD SEEK ADVANCE BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH SELECTED G-18 MEMBERS.
- 3. WOULD APPRECIATE FULL EXPRESSION OF MISSION/DEL VIEWS ON POSSIBLE MEASURES FOR IMPROVING BOP RULES AND PROCEDURES. ONE ISSUE THAT PAPER MUST DEAL WITH IS THE ROLE OF THE LDC'S. IN THIS CONNECTION VIEWS ON ROLE AND INTERESTS OF LDC'S ON BOP COMMITTEE AND EXTENT TO WHICH THEY DOMINATE COMMITTEE OPERATIONS WOULD BE ESPECIALLY WELCOME. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE VIEWS ON DELS TO BE CONSULTED.
- 4. DEC. 31 HAS BEEN SET AS DEADLINE FOR PREPARING PAPER. ACCORDINGLY, REQUEST COMMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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